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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

POWER ET AL.

Serial No.: Unknown

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For: ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES REGULATING  
EXPRESSION OF TNF-ALPHA

Our File No.: 3045.00004

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to  
consideration of the application on the merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 11, in the "Cross Reference to Related Applications"  
section, after "60/062,718." insert ☒ This application is a continuation application  
of U.S. Serial No. 08/176,862, filed October 22, 1998.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

☒ Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

3. (Amended) A pharmaceutical or medical composition  
comprising as active ingredient at least one synthetic nuclease resistant  
antisense oligodeoxynucleotide [as set forth in claim 1] having a nucleotide

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